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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Gregory Thompson, 42, of Chicago, Illinois was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 27 months in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for his role in a scheme to defraud banks in the Western District of Wisconsin. Thompson and his associates passed a number of checks that had been stolen out of mailboxes and then altered. He was also ordered to pay approximately \$13,000 in restitution.

The charges against Thompson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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